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IF YOU WISH TO GIVE US
A PIECE OF YOUR MIND CONCERNING
THIS COMIC PLEASE WRITE TO **THE CONFESSIONAL**
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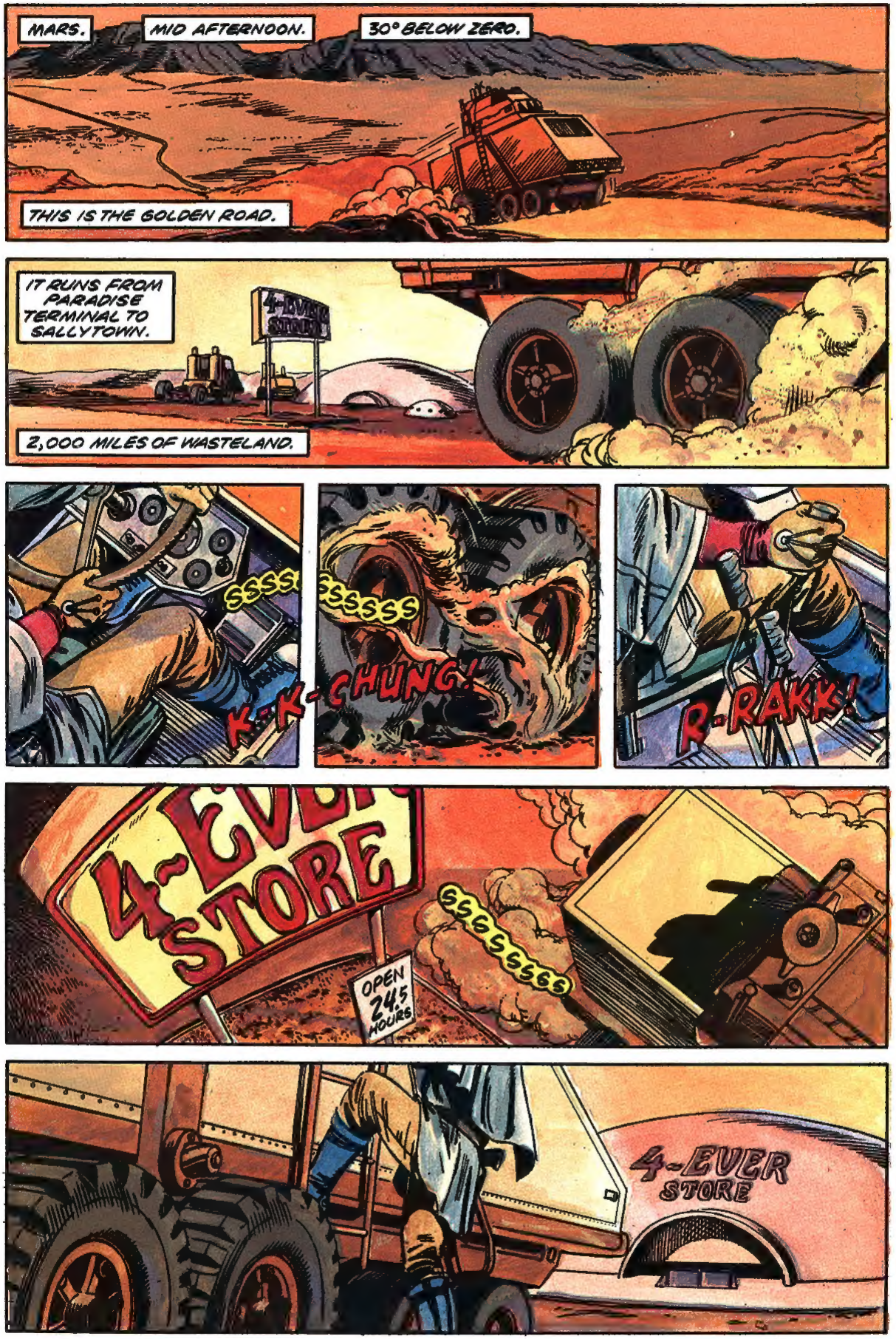

MARS.
MID AFTERNOON.
30° BELOW ZERO.
THIS IS THE GOLDEN ROAD.
IT RUNS FROM PARADISE TERMINAL TO SALLYTOWN.
2,000 MILES OF WASTELAND.
SSSS
K-K-CHUNG!
SSSSS
R-RAKK!
4-EVER STORE
OPEN 24/5 HOURS
SSSSSSS
4-EVER STORE

DAMN IT!
HEE HEE!
PING!
PING!
HEE HEE!
BONG!
DAMN IT, AGAIN!
HA HA!
PING!
PING!
PING!
PING!
GOD DAMN!
HA HA! LOOKS LIKE I WIN, SEÑOR!
BAM!
WHOOP!
LOOKS LIKE YOU CHEAT!
QUÉ?!
YOU HEARD ME CHEATER!
JONNY BLACK?

ARE YOU JONNY BLACK?
WHAT'S IT TO YOU, SISTER?
RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!
WHO ARE YOU...
...BITCH!
...UH!

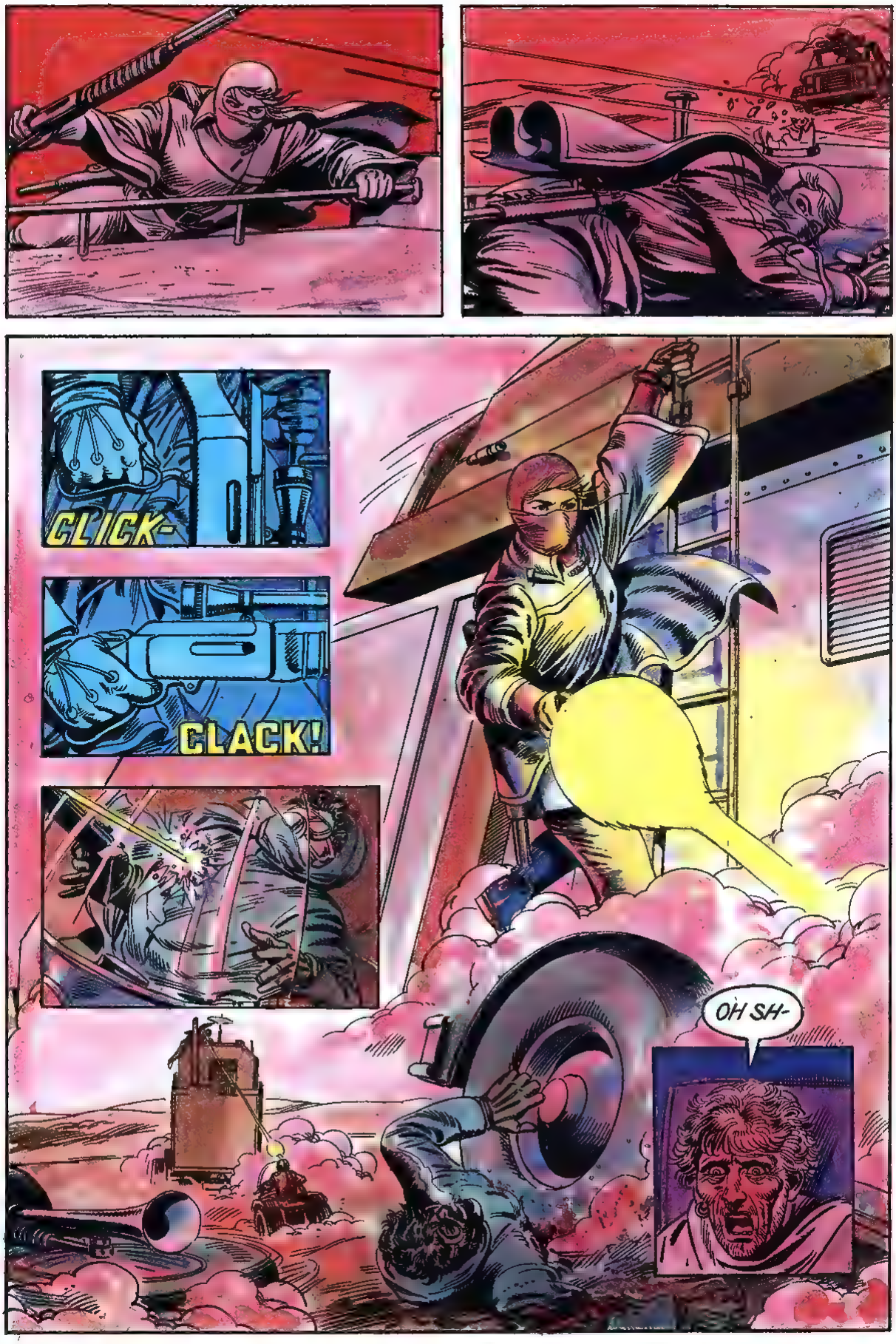
GOOD SHOT, BLONDIE.
WHERE ARE YOU HEADING NOW?
"SALLYTOWN.
I WILL GO WITH YOU.
I TOO HAVE BUSINESS IN SALLYTOWN.
HEY, BLONDIE! WAIT FOR MANDO! I AM GOING WITH YOU!

SO, YOU'RE HAULING FREIGHT TO SALLYTOWN. THIS IS GOOD MONEY, NO?
I WOULDN'T KNOW.
THIS RIG WAS HIS. I WAS JUST HITCHING A RIDE.
HE GOT HIT BY HIJACKERS ON THE PLAIN.
...I PROMISED HIM I'D TAKE HIS RIG IN.
NO PROBLEM REALLY. I HAVE BUSINESS IN SALLYTOWN MYSELF.
...AN SHE'S HEADIN' FOR SALLYTOWN?
HE SAYS SHE'S GOIN' SOUTH WITH A LOADED RIG.
I SAY SHE'S EASY PICKIN'S.
SHE SURE GUNNED UP JONNY GOOD.

WELL, I DON'T GIVE A GOOD .. GODDAM 'BOUT JONNY.
WHY SHOULD WE GO AFTER THIS MAMA?
COUNTERMAN SAYS SHE WAS YOUNG AND PRETTY.
YOU SHOULD'A SAID THAT RIGHT OFF.
LET'S RIDE.
WHERE ARE WE GOING NOW, BLONDIE?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SEE.
THERE IT IS.

WHAT IS THIS PLACE, BLONDIE ?
THERE WAS A MISSION HERE... AN ORPHANAGE...
...UNTIL SOMEONE CAME.
WHEN THE SISTERS WOULD NOT DO WHAT THE MEN WANTED, THEY WERE KILLED...
...ALONG WITH THE CHILDREN.

DID YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WAS HERE, BLONDIE?
YES.
JONNY BLACK.
BLONDIE! LOOK!
GET IN THE TRUCK!
YOU DRIVE!
B-BUT I...
DRIVE!
SI -- I DRIVE.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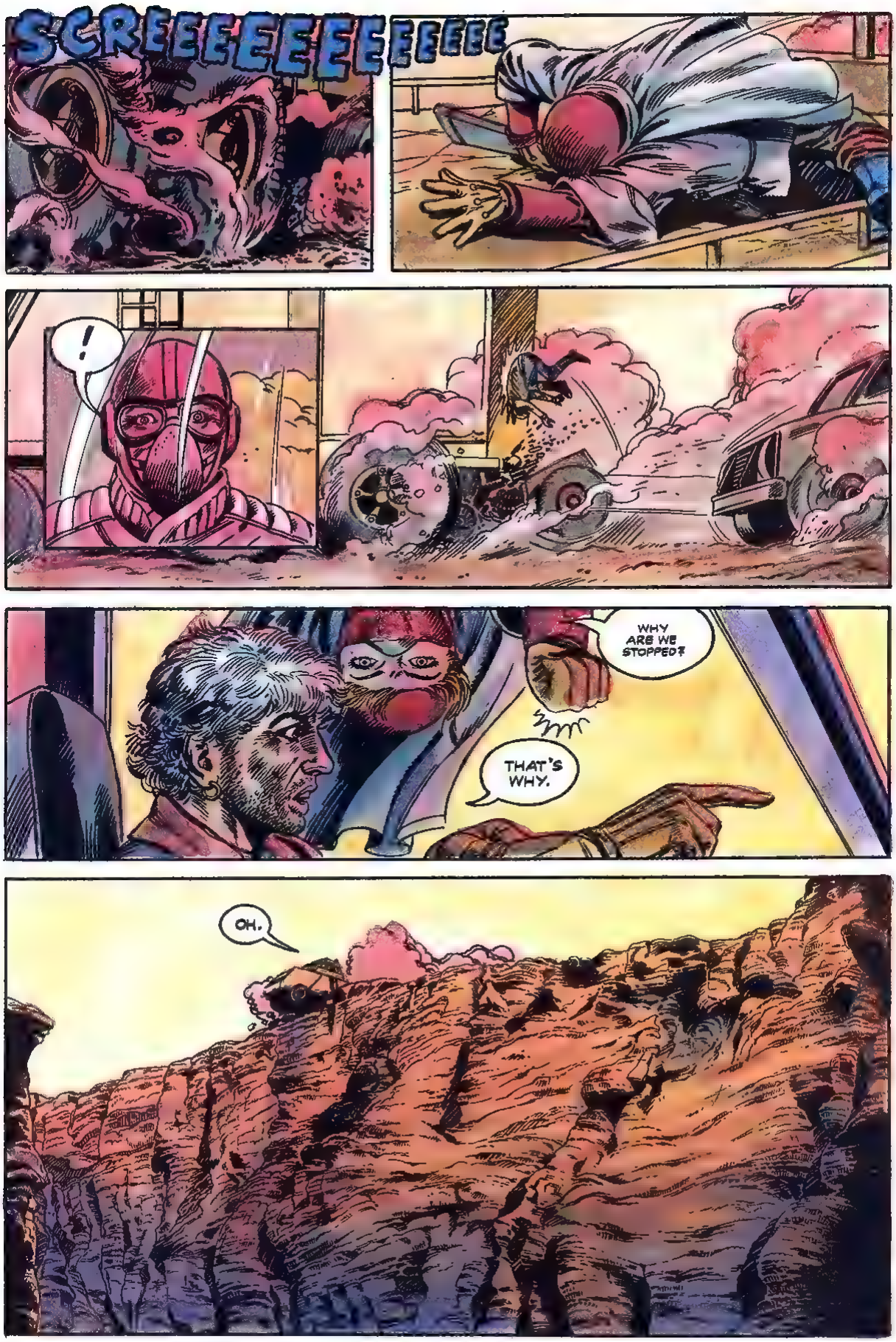
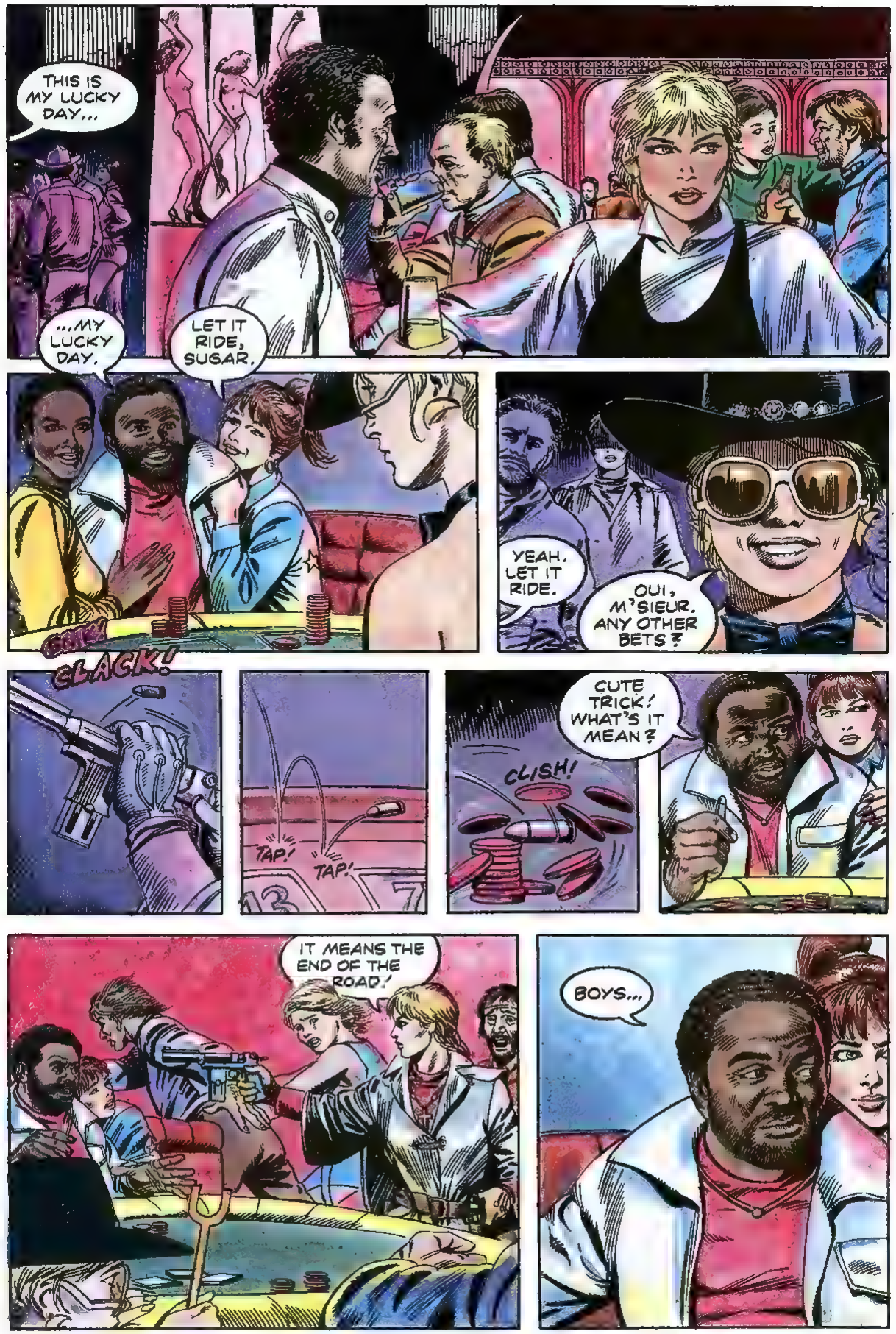
CLACK!
OH SH-


SCREEEEEEEEEEEEE
!
WHY ARE WE STOPPED?
THAT'S WHY.
OH.

BACK US UP!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE LAST OF THEM.
AGHK!
CH-KUNG CH-KRUNCH-G
SCARED HIM OFF, BLONDIE?
IT LOOKS THAT WAY.
COME INSIDE AND GET SOME AIR.

I SEEM TO BE MAKING A LOT OF ENEMIES AROUND HERE.
I AM JUST GLAD TO BE YOUR FRIEND, BLONDIE.
MININ
SITE NO. 8
UNETCO mining
BAR
SALLYTOWN
NAMED FOR THE FIRST WOMAN IN SPACE.
THANK GOD NOT THE LAST!
500 MILES AND SIX HOURS LATER...
HE'S OWED $360 FOR THAT LOAD, MISS.
I'LL DO THAT.
USE IT TO BURY HIM.
YOU'D BETTER. I'LL BE BACK TO CHECK.
I'M HUNGRY. LET'S EAT.
NOT RIGHT NOW. I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF FIRST.

SO WHAT BRINGS A PRETTY LADY LIKE YOU IN TO SEE THE SHERIFF?
I'M LOOKING FOR HIM!
WADJI DUVALIER, EH? SO WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH HIM? YOU LAW? YOU GOT A BADGE?
I'VE GOT A BADGE.
NOW, WHERE IS HE?
TOC!
KLIK!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
IS WADJI DUVALIER STAYING HERE?
YOU JUST MISSED HIM. HE WENT DOWN TO THE CASINO.
THANKS.
SWEET DREAMS
UNETCO.


THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY...
...MY LUCKY DAY.
LET IT RIDE, SUGAR.
YEAH. LET IT RIDE.
OUI, M'SIEUR. ANY OTHER BETS?
CLACK!
TAP!
TAP!
CLISH!
CUTE TRICK! WHAT'S IT MEAN?
IT MEANS THE END OF THE ROAD!
BOYS...

HOW ABOUT LAYIN' THEM GUNS DOWN, LADY?
UK!
TEN THOUSAND TO THE MAN WHO KILLS HER!

SHE'S FINISHED! WE GOT HER COVERED!
SNIK!
PLOK!
GRENADE!
OK, LADY-- BACK OFF OR I BLOW HER BRAINS OUT!
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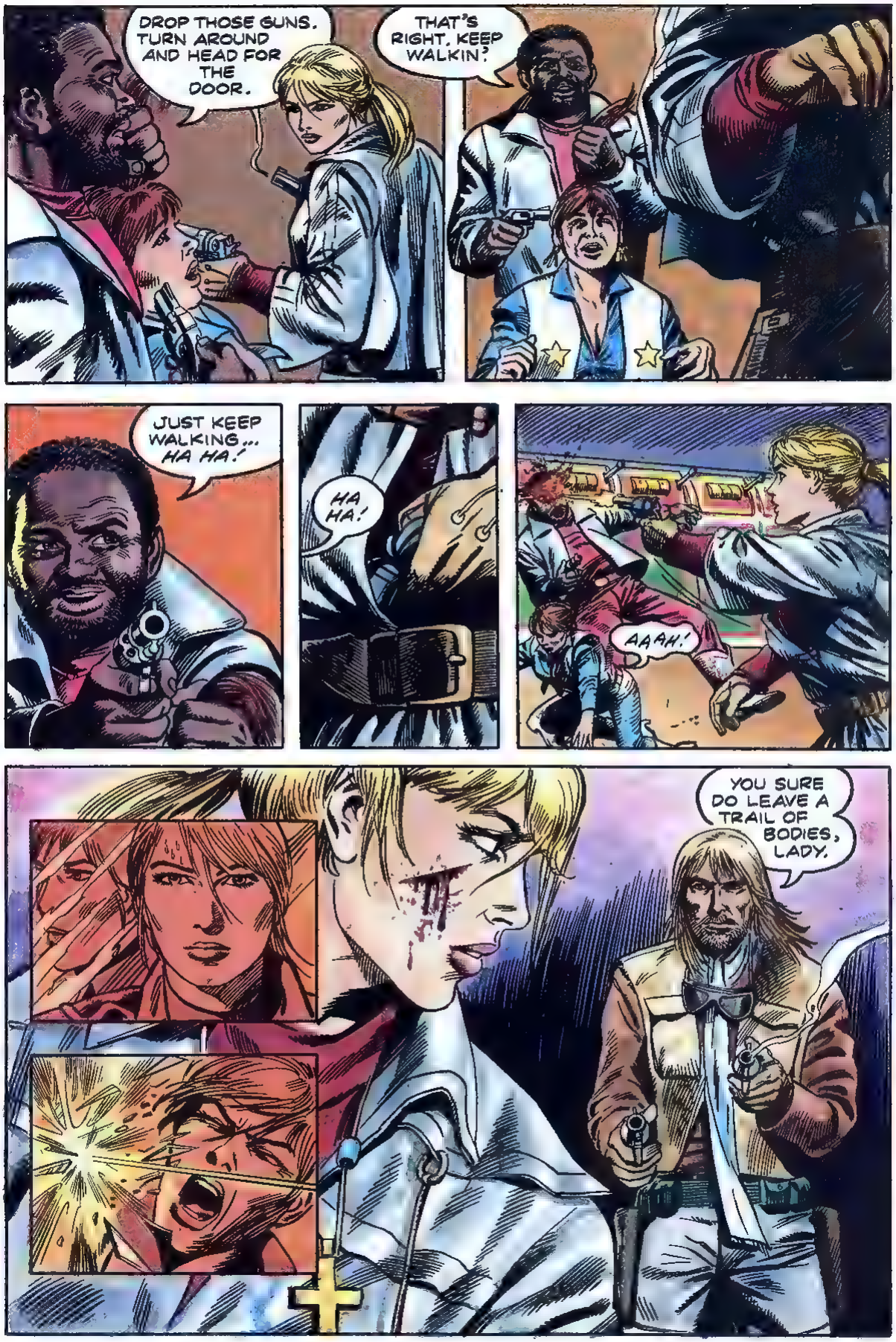
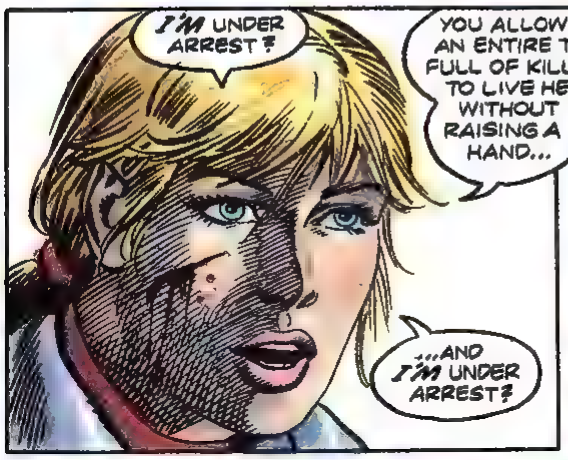
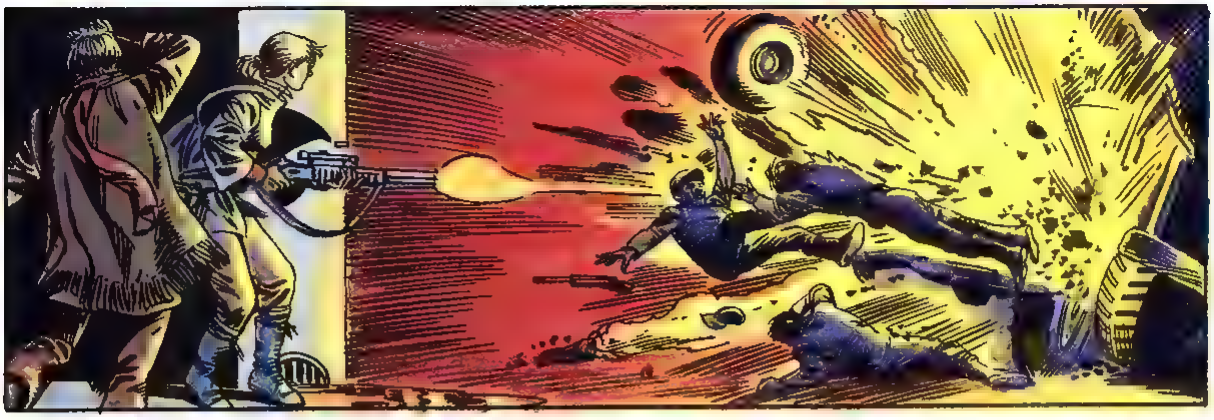

DROP THOSE GUNS. TURN AROUND AND HEAD FOR THE DOOR.
THAT'S RIGHT. KEEP WALKIN'.
JUST KEEP WALKING... HA HA!
HA HA!
AAAH!
YOU SURE DO LEAVE A TRAIL OF BODIES, LADY.

THEY SAID YOU WERE YOUNG AND PRETTY.. WELL MAYBE YOU AIN'T SO PRETTY NO MORE.
AND YOU SURE AIN'T GONNA GET NO OLDER!
SNIK!
SNIK!
BLAM!
KRAK!
CLISH
CLISH
CLISH
WHAT CAR?
ANY CAR.
LOOKED LIKE YOU NEEDED HELP, BLONDIE.
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
YES, JUST GET ME A CAR.
CARAMBA!
SLAZZ

OKAY, MISS. YOU'RE COMING WITH US.
YOUR LITTLE SPICK-A-RICKIN' FRIEND, TOO.

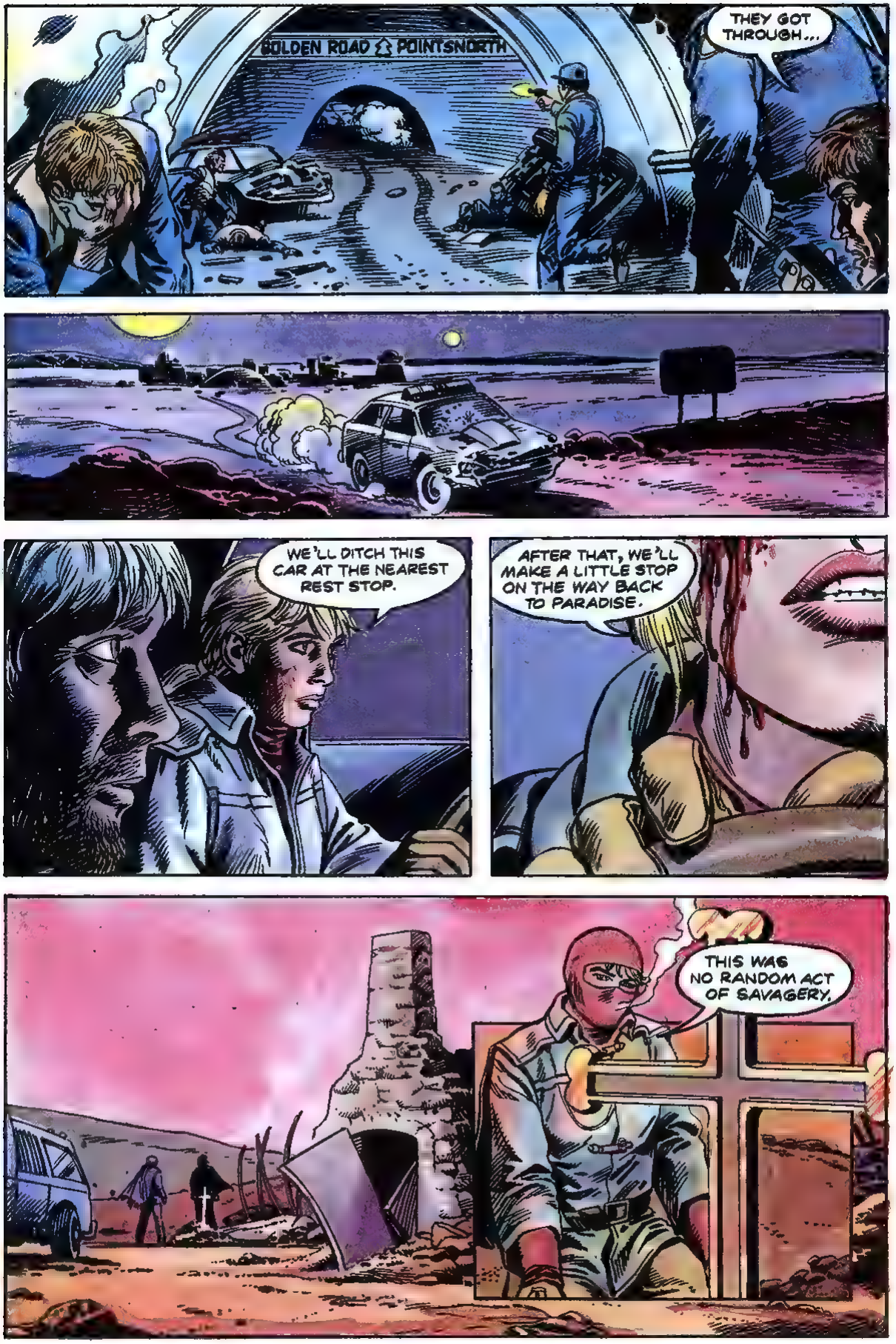

I'M UNDER ARREST?
YOU ALLOW AN ENTIRE TOWN FULL OF KILLERS TO LIVE HERE WITHOUT RAISING A HAND...
...AND I'M UNDER ARREST?

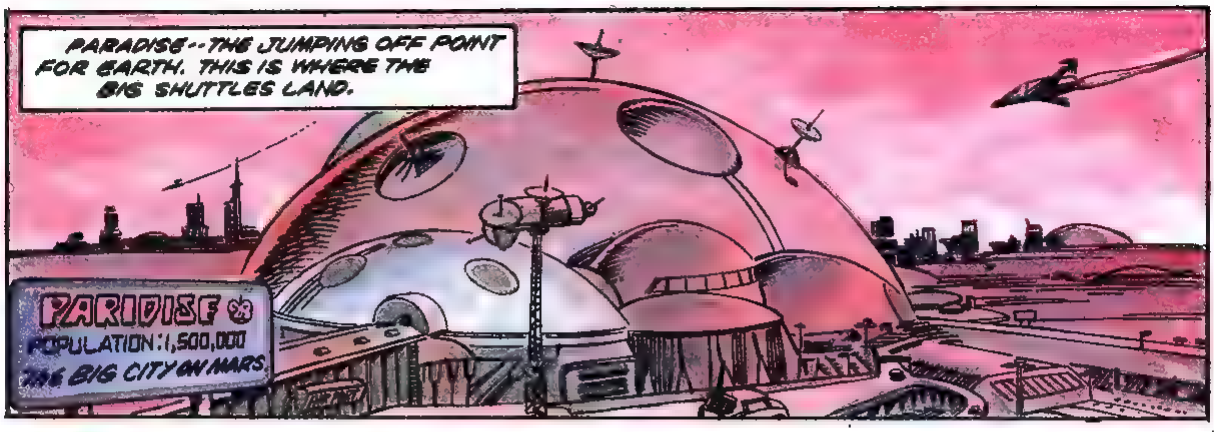
MANDO!

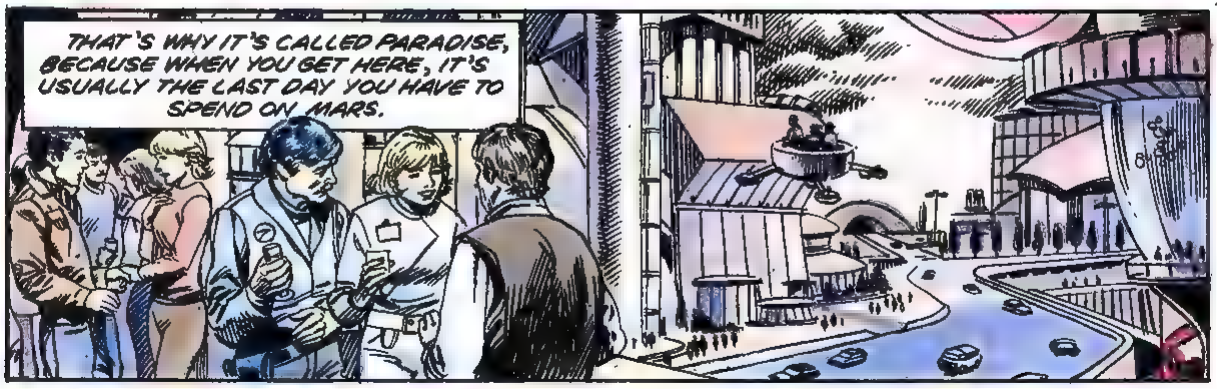


GET IN THE OTHER CAR.
S-SI.

COMCENTRAL, THIS IS UNIT ONE. WE GOT A STOLEN SQUAD CAR. SECTOR 5, LEVEL 2.
DRIVER AND PASSENGER ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!
STOP THEM ANY WAY YOU CAN.
HERE THEY COME!
POUR IT ON!


GOLDEN ROAD ⇕ POINTSNORTH
THEY GOT THROUGH...
WE'LL DITCH THIS CAR AT THE NEAREST REST STOP.
AFTER THAT, WE'LL MAKE A LITTLE STOP ON THE WAY BACK TO PARADISE.
THIS WAS NO RANDOM ACT OF SAVAGERY.


PARADISE--THE JUMPING OFF POINT FOR EARTH. THIS IS WHERE THE BIG SHUTTLES LAND.
PARADISE
POPULATION: 1,500,000
THE BIG CITY ON MARS.


THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED PARADISE, BECAUSE WHEN YOU GET HERE, IT'S USUALLY THE LAST DAY YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON MARS.

MARTIAN LAND OFFICE
CLAIMS REGISTRATION
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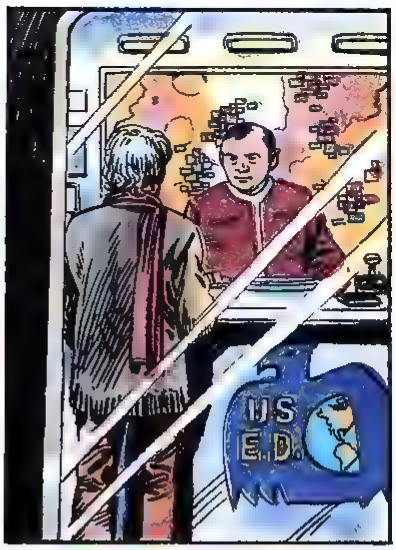
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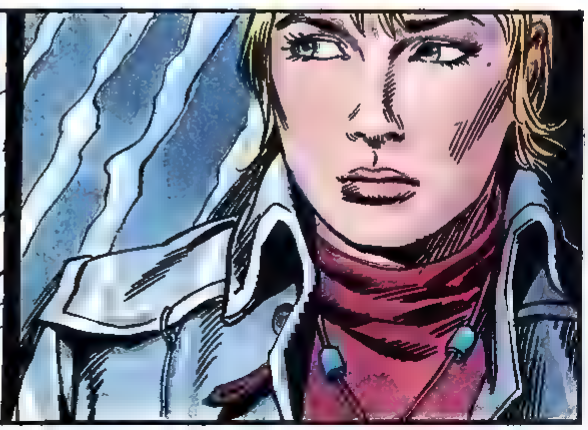


YOU WERE DAMN RIGHT, BLONDIE.
THIS MAN AT THE LAND OFFICE TELLS ME THAT THE LAND THE MISSION SAT ON WAS CLAIMED BY UNETCO...
TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE ATTACK.
THIS IS WHERE WE SAY GOODBYE.
YOU NO NEED MY HELP NO MORE?
THE REST I HAVE TO DO ON MY OWN. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP -- THO' WHY YOU'VE GIVEN IT IS BEYOND ME.
I DO NOT KNOW MYSELF.
MAYBE IT IS BECAUSE NO ONE NEEDS MANDO. I CAME TO THIS PLANET LOOKING FOR THE EASY MONEY... BUT I'M TOO SMALL FOR THE BIG JOBS AND TOO POOR TO GO HOME...
YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON TO NEED MANDO IN MANY YEARS.
GOODBYE.
VAYA CON DIOS, BLONDIE.

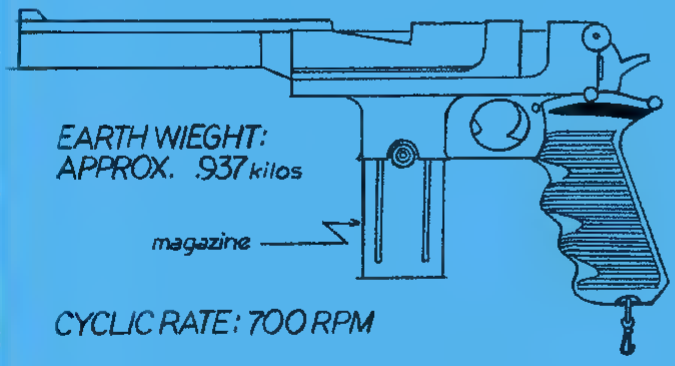
WOULD YOU CARE FOR A DRINK?
YES, THAT WOULD BE NICE.
I'M SO GLAD WE COULD GET TOGETHER TONIGHT AND TALK ABOUT YOUR INTERESTS IN UNETCO...
...PERSONALLY.
MY SECRETARY TELLS ME THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RESEARCH WORK AT OUR NEW DIG SITES.
YES, ESPECIALLY SITE 802.
...SITE ...802?
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING IT.
YOU'RE NOT DRINKING!
I'M NOT THIRSTY.
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE QUITE BEAUTI-FUL.
PARDON MY ASKING, BUT IS THAT SCAR RECENT?
...IT'S NOTHING

I FEEL A LITTLE FAINT ALL OF A SUDDEN.
IT WILL PASS. SOON YOU'LL FEEL LIKE YOUR GUTS ARE ON FIRE.
WHAT?
I POISONED YOUR DRINK. ..OR MORE SPECIFICALLY, ALL OF YOUR LIQUOR. I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR PREFERENCE.
WHY?
FOR THE WAY THAT YOU ACQUIRED SIGHT 80Z.
THE MISSION? GASP! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO WITH IT?
THEY WERE MY SISTERS YOU HAD MURDERED.
SISTERS? HOW? ALL YOUR SISTERS?
I'M A NUN.
A...
...NUN?
SHUT
YOU'LL NEED THIS MORE THAN I WILL.

MANDO LUIS ESTEVE? YOU IN THERE?
THIS CAME FOR YOU.
HAND IT THROUGH THE SLOT.
CLASS
Paradise:Mars
Salt Lake:Earth
ONE WAY ONLY .0273
MUY GRACIAS, BLONDIE.
VODKA
NEXT: HATE BOAT

EVANGELINE'S GUNS

BROWNING-MARATA
MADE IN JAPAN LATE 21ST CENTURY



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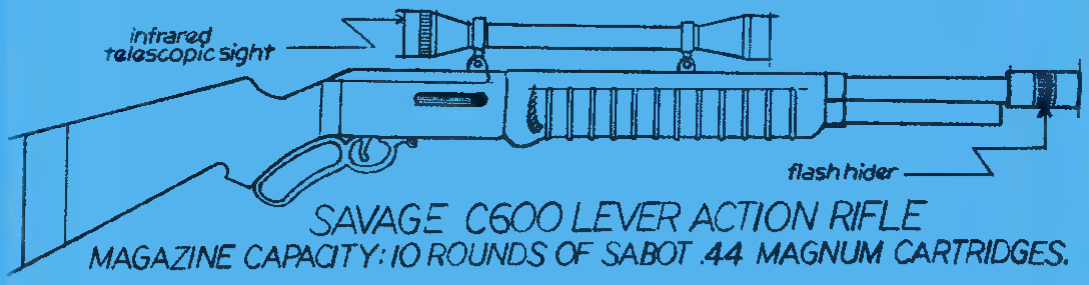

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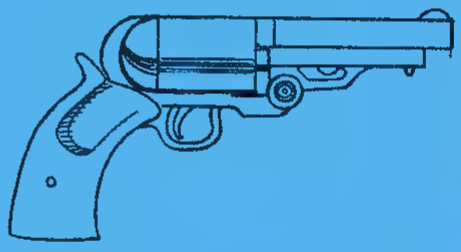

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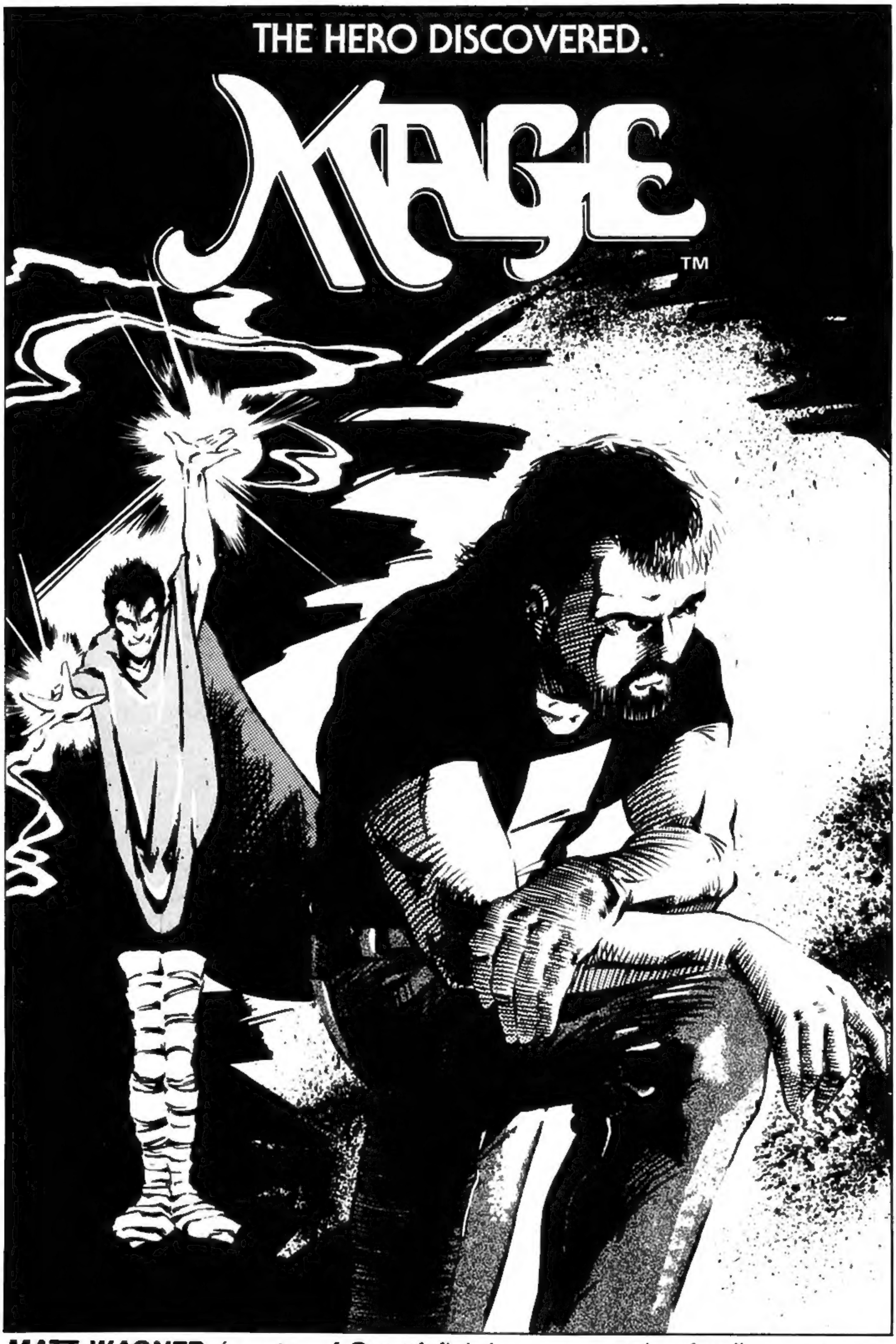

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